VL2 Storybook Creator: Literacy for Deaf Children

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IT-Solutions supporting persons who are deaf

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Early exposure to sign language helps with language development and reading skills.

Sign language activates the same area in the brain as spoken language = sign language is a biological necessity (critical period).

With sign language exposure, deaf children hit normal milestones in language development (6 months, 12 months, 18 months).

Ready to learn, ready for the world.
The current problem—lack of sign language access for normal literacy development

Many deaf infants experience little or no language exposure, particularly in families that do not sign. **This is called language deprivation.**

Language deprivation leads to academic, social, and occupational difficulties. In USA alone, 49% deaf adults are unemployed.

Lack of resources on TV, media, internet, reading apps for 21st Century Learners.

Only 3% of deaf children receive bilingual education in sign language.

- World Federation of the Deaf
Train and capacity-build local teams to develop sign language resources with the storybook apps; work with families and educators to support literacy development
VL2 Storybook Creator – Create your own bilingual stories

Train the trainers
More Deaf talents

Optimize the reading experience for deaf children

Empower educators and families

No coding needed

Content-flexible

Quality access to education is having language access
Building a global digital library

American Sign Language  Norwegian Sign Language  Japanese Sign Language

Dutch Sign Language  Russian Sign Language  Saudi Arabian Sign Language
Why is this important?

VL2 Storybook Creator Program – an Eco-system

- Training
- Film
- Create
- Impact
- Involvement
- Assessment

Develop skills and new opportunities for deaf individuals

Literacy development for deaf children
How to get involved?
Our impact transfer solution.

Local funding

Training: Capacity building
affiliation with Gallaudet University

Bilingual storybook apps
More resources, New literature

Deaf children improve literacy
Families learn sign language
Educators build better classrooms
Deaf individuals gain new skillsets
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